

Rolling Plan for the Cook Islands

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Basic Policy of Assistance	To strengthen the foundation for self-reliant and sustainable development and improvements in living standards
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Priority Area 1	Strengthen the foundation for sustainable development											
Development Issue 1-1 Improving Social Services	【Current Status and Challenges】 In the Cook Islands, improving health care and public health has become a major challenge. The National Health Strategic Plan 2023-2027 states that it is urgent to address non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which account for a high percentage of causes of death, and securing and training personnel involved in this field is also an important issue. Additionally, improving science and mathematics education in primary and secondary education is a regional challenge. Particularly for residents of outer islands, there is a pressing need to enhance these social services. Promotion of healthy living, provision of lifelong educational opportunities, and promotion of gender equality are among the priority areas in the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+.						【Policy for Addressing Development Issues】 Through the acceptance of long-term and short-term trainees and Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects, efforts will be made to improve the health care system including on outer islands, and enhance the learning environment focused on primary and secondary education. The health care and medical systems will be improved through the Economic and Social Development Programme.					
	Japan's Assistance Programme	Project	Scheme	JFY before 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	JFY 2026	JFY 2027	JFY 2028	Assistance Amount (100 million Yen)	SDGs	Note
	Social Services Improvement Programme	Group and Region Focus Training Programme on the Area of Improving Social Services	TR								3,4,6	
		SDGs Global Leader	CTR								3,4,6	
		Strengthening Collaboration Project for Building Resilient Health Systems in the Oceania Region	TCP							9.46	2,3,5,10	Regional (based in Fiji)
		Grant Assistance for Economic and Social Development Programme	GA							1.50	3	FY2020 Provision of Health Medical Equipment
		Grant Assistance for Economic and Social Development Programme	GA							1.00	3,6	FY2020 Provision of Health, Medical and Water Hygiene equipment
		Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects on the Area of Improving Social Services	GGP							0.31	4	2022 Vaito Primary School 2023 Inanuera Academia 2023 Creative Centre
Development Issue 1-2 Strengthening the foundation for economic growth	【Current Status and Challenges】 In the Cook Islands, the main industries of tourism, agriculture, and fishery are small in scale, and many of the people tend to migrate to other countries such as New Zealand in search of education and employment opportunities, making population decline a major problem. The government of the Cook Islands is working on measures to counter the declining population by providing living subsidies to students returning from study abroad and reforming the social security system for the elderly. In addition, almost all goods are imported and the price level is high compared to the national income. In the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+, the government emphasises strengthening the foundation for sustainable economic growth by setting economic growth and infrastructure development for growth as one of the priority areas.						【Policy for Addressing Development Issues】 Develop human resources and infrastructure to strengthen the foundation for sustainable economic growth in relation to the promotion of core industries such as tourism, agriculture and fisheries.					
	Japan's Assistance Programme	Project	Scheme	JFY before 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	JFY 2026	JFY 2027	JFY 2028	Assistance Amount (100 million Yen)	SDGs	Note
	Industrial Promotion Programme	Group and Region Focus Training Programme on the area of industrial promotion	TR								8,9	
		Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects in the field of Industrial Promotion	GGP							0.19	8,9	FY2021 Mangaia Island Forestry Project, Rarotonga Agricultural Equipment
		Grant Assistance for Economic and Social Development Programme	GA							4.18	12	FY2024 Agricultural Development Equipment

Priority Area 2	Climate change, environment, and disaster prevention														
Development Issue 2 – 1	【Current Status and Challenges】 The Cook Islands are susceptible to climate change and are exposed to natural disasters such as cyclones, so appropriate climate change and disaster prevention measures are necessary. In addition, the country is vulnerable to environmental changes due to the increase in tourism, and addressing this issue is a challenge for the country. In the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+, addressing climate change is one of the priority areas, and the importance of disaster resilient infrastructure, community development, and cyclone management has been indicated.					【Policy for Addressing Development Issues】 Support capacity building on climate change, environment, and disaster prevention through technical cooperation with experts, short- and long-term trainees and training in third countries, and grassroots and human security grant aid.									
	Japan's Assistance Programme	Project				Scheme						Assistance Amount (100 million Yen)	SDGs	Note	
						JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	JFY 2026	JFY 2027	JFY 2028				
	Climate change measures, environmental conservation and disaster prevention	Climate change and environment, disaster prevention programmes	Group and Region Focus Training Programme on climate change, environmental conservation and disaster prevention				TR							11,13	
			The Project for Introduction of Hybrid Power Generation System in Pacific Island Countries (Regional)				TCP						12.20	13	Regional (based in Fiji)
			Oceania Energy Transition Project (Region)				TCP						12.00	13	Regional (based in Fiji)
			Third Country Training - Strengthening the capacity of the Fiji Meteorological Department to provide sustainable meteorological services in the Pacific				TTR							11,13	Regional (based in Fiji)
			Regional DRR Advisor				EXP							11,13	Regional (based in Fiji)
			Capacity-building project on utilising innovative solutions for enhancing resilience to climate change in the Pacific				TCP						3.40	13	Regional (based in Samoa)
Grant Assistance for Human Security and Grassroots Projects in the field of Disaster Prevention				GGP						0.17	13	2022 Puaikura Fire Station			
Priority Area 3	Maritime security and marine resource management, development of marine transportation network														
Development Issue 3 – 1	【Current Status and Challenges】 The Cook Islands and other Pacific island countries do not necessarily have sufficient human resources or budget to properly manage vast areas of ocean on their own. In the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+, sustainable management of oceans, atolls and marine resources is one of the priority areas. In addition, the development of maritime transport networks between outer islands is an important issue for the Cook Islands, as it directly affects the maintenance of lifelines and human security.					【Policy for Addressing Development Issues】 Through the acceptance of long-term and short-term trainees, individual experts in a wide area, and Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects, strengthen response capabilities in the areas of maritime security, marine resource management, and maritime transport network development. Through Grant Assistance for Economic and Social Development Programmes, providing the used cargo passenger vessel, it is important to secure access and essential lifelines to the domestic outer islands.									
	Japan's Assistance Programme	Project				Scheme						Assistance Amount (100 million Yen)	SDGs	Note	
						JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	JFY 2026	JFY 2027	JFY 2028				
	Maritime security, marine resources management, marine transportation and maintenance of marine transportation network	Maritime security, Management of Marine Resources, and Marine Transportation Network Development Programme	Group and Region Focus Training Programme on maritime security, maritime resource management and maritime transport network development				TR							14	
			SDG 14 “Let’s protect the richness of our oceans” project in Pacific island countries				TCP						2.34	14	Regional (based in Fiji)
			Policy Advisor for Port Operation and Maintenance (Regional)				EXP							9	Regional (based in Fiji)
			Advisor for Vessel Operation and Maintenance in Oceania (Regional)				EXP							9	Regional (based in Fiji)
			Grant assistance for the Economic and Social Development Programme				GA						5.20	9	2023 Economic and Social Development Programme

Legend: [PS] = Preparatory Survey, [DD] = Detailed Design, [TCP] = Technical Cooperation Project, [TCOP] = Technical Cooperation for Development Planning, [EXP] = Expert, [EQ] = Equipment, [CTR] = Country-focused Training, [TR] = Issue-based Training / Training Program for Young Leaders, [JOCV] = Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, [TEXP] = Third-country Expert, [TTR] = Third-country Training, [ICT] = In-Country Training, [STC] = Science and Technology Cooperation on Global Issues, [JPP] = JICA Partnership Program, [xx-TA] = Technical Assistance implemented by organizations other than MOFA and JICA, [PCP-TC] = Private Companies Proposed-Technical Cooperation, [GA] = Grant Aid, [GAF] = Grant Aid for Fishery, [FA] = Food Aid, [CGA] = Cultural Grant Assistance, [GGGP] = Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, [EGA] = Emergency Grant Aid, [GANP] = Grant Aid for Japanese NGOs Projects, [GGP] = Grant Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects, [LA] = Loan Aid (ODA Loan), [BIS] = Basic Information Survey, [ML] = Multilateral Cooperation, [SME PPS] = Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) Partnership Promotion Survey, [SDGs BMFS] = SDGs Business Model Formulation Survey with the Private Sector, [SDGs BVS] = SDGs Business Verification Survey with the Private Sector, Solid Line [—] = Schedule, Dash Line [- - - -] = Tentative Schedule

[SDGs Goals Targets]: 1[No Poverty], 2[Zero Hunger], 3[Good Health and Well-Being], 4[Quality Education], 5[Gender Equality], 6[Clean Water and Sanitation], 7[Affordable and Clean Energy], 8[Decent Work and Economic Growth], 9[Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure], 10[Reduced Inequalities], 11[Sustainable Cities and Communities], 12[Responsible Consumption and Production], 13[Climate Action], 14[Life Below Water], 15[Life on Land], 16[Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions], 17[Partnerships for the Goals]
 [Outline of SDGs]: https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/oda/sdgs/pdf/sdgs_pamphlet.pdf